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Romulus preserves retiree health benefits

Scott Spielman
Special Writer

> *We're not taking away any health care benefits. We're asking for help.*

Members of the Romulus City Council voted to reduce the subsidy for city workers' healthcare last Monday, but left retiree benefits intact.

City administrators sought relief from the cost of those benefits for current employees, retirees younger than 65 and regular retirees in an effort to alleviate the burden on the city budget.

"We're not taking away any health care benefits. We're asking for help. We're asking for help to help sustain the program," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "That's really what we're doing. We don't want to have, at some point in time, these benefits to go away. "

Like many other municipalities, Romulus is grappling with obligations to retired workers. The city is currently obligated for about $57 million in legacy costs and is only about 7 percent funded. Burcroff said the city has taken steps to reduce liability since he's been in office, such as getting savings through self-funded Teamster benefit plans, offering buyouts for retirees that saved about $25 million and offering employees payments in lieu of health care coverage.

Anyone hired after 2014 is not eligible for retiree healthcare, either.

Those steps have reduced the annual costs, but not enough, he said.

"We have a problem. This isn't going to go away. We can't do nothing," he said. "If we don't do anything, it's not going to be sustainable."

Residents and former employees balked at the change. Some said it would mean an additional expense of up to $800 monthly. Others likened it to a pay cut and

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First-ever library union contract is ratified

Employees at the William P. Faust Westland Public Library and the city have ratified the first-ever union contract between the two.

Members of the Westland Library Union SEIU Local 517M and city officials jointly announced the 3-year agreement March 21.

"While collective bargaining is never easy, we have emerged from the process with an agreement that both sides can be proud of, unanimously supported both by union members and the library board. This first contract established a structure that will allow our staff to continue to grow and thrive in service to this community," commented Katie Dover-Taylor, chair of the Westland Library Union.

The agreement was reached March 4 following eight months of negotiation and was ratified by the union membership and the members of the library board of trustees March 13. Library employees voted to unionize two years ago.

Details of the agreement, which will be in effect until June 30, 2022, include a wage increase for non-supervisory employees during the contract and most other employees will receive an immediate pay increase. The contract calls for a yearly pay adjustment of 1 percent on July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021. Wage increases will go into effect during the pay period beginning March 18 and the first paychecks with the new pay rate will be issued April 5.

City Council President Jim Godbout, left, Mayor William R. Wild, Library Director Ishwar Laxminarayan, Library Union Chair Katie Dover-Taylor and Library Board President James Higgins announce the first-ever union contract with Westland library employees.

The contract also establishes new classification grades for employees and establishes a clear process of discipline and grievances if the contract provisions are violated.

The new agreement also stipulates that employee disciplinary action requires an investigation and just cause.

"There was a lot of talk about the past when we first came in, but we look at it as a unique opportunity to highlight the positivity of using the past as a cornerstone to building towards the future to make the Westland Library the benchmark of its peers and best in class," commented Library Board President James Higgins. "It's been a pleasure to serve and we will continue to do so."

The new agreement follows a complete overhaul of leadership at the library which began in August of 2017. An entirely new board of trustees was appointed by Mayor William R. Wild and approved by members of the Westland City Council. The new board members were tasked with appointing a new library director and negotiating a contact with the employees who had voted to unionize.

Ishwar Laxminarayan, who was appointed to serve as the library director in June of 2018, commended the efforts of the negotiation team.

"At the end of the day we should all be very pleased with what we were able to accomplish, which is an agreement that serves both parties very well, I am especially excited for

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Identity of 'mystery' developer is questioned

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *This is not a re-zoning of any sort…this is for tax abatement purposes...*

The sudden interest in never-before developed Plymouth Township land and the secrecy surrounding the identity of the new commercial/industrial neighbor to the Brecken Ridge and Lake Pointe subdivisions prompted some questions from residents last week.

A recent legal announcement published in three local newspapers called for a public hearing to establish an Industrial Development District (IDD) for the three parcels of land, two of which are vacant, located at Haggerty and Schoolcraft roads, running north and east of the CSX railroad crossing, totaling 35.5 acres. The area, named Schoolcraft Business Park, is less than one mile from the two residential neighborhoods, according to township plat maps.

The surrounding property on Haggerty Road is now being used variously as a storage yard, and scrap dealer. Some of the land is controlled by consent agreements and has remained untouched for more than 50 years according to Lake Pointe residents.

Township records reveal one parcel of the undeveloped land is owned by Campbell-Manix and is home to 91,000 square feet Master Automatic Machine Co. at 40485 Schoolcraft. The company, built at this location in 1999, machines stainless steel components for automobile steering and transmissions systems from steel rods. Benzing Properties LLC, 29233 Haas Road, Wixom, owns the other two parcels. The properties have a combined State Equalized Value of nearly $4.3 million.

Not many of the residents who expressed concern about the property appeared at the meeting of the board of trustees last week, and those who attended found few answers about reputed plans to facilitate a tax abatement for a yet-to-be announced industrial firm. Rumors have been circulating that township officials are courting a prominent international automotive supplier and have granted the business confidentially for unsubstantiated reasons.

Markers from a recent survey of the parcels of virgin land in question remain in place on the property, although the for-sale signs have been removed.

According to statements by township officials, the new district (IDD) will help to "enhance" the development of the decades-long vacant property and provide the possibility of a tax incentive to manufactures to build new facilities under a state Industrial Facilities Exemption (IFE).

IFE certification entitles the facility to exemption from ad valorem real and/or personal property taxes for a term of 1-12 years as determined by the township officials, subject to review at the state level by the Property Services Division and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Township Treasurer Mark Clinton said there are currently 21 IFE-type business entities setup within the township to receive a 50 percent tax reduction for a period of 10 years.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise prefaced the hearing by stating, "This is not a re-zoning of any sort…this is for tax abatement purposes even though it

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Wayne - Westland

Westland limits new massage parlor permits

Those seeking a massage in the City of Westland may have some difficulty in finding a new facility to provide the hands-on treatment.

Members of the city council have imposed a 365-day moratorium on any new massage establishments in the city. Council members voted to approve the moratorium at their regular meeting March 18 and said the measure was necessitated by the lack of city ordinances regulating such businesses.

Officials noted in a prepared statement that Westland has "drawn interest from many massage parlors that intend on moving to the city." There are, according to city records, nine such establishments in operation or with licenses for massage services pending. Officials said that following a review of city ordinances related to the massage parlor industry, they discovered that amendments were necessary to current ordinances to accommodate an increase of this scale in the massage business.

"The 365-day moratorium provides city council staff and legal counsel the necessary time to strengthen the city's rules and regulations on such establishments," according to a prepared statement from the city. "City Council and legal counsel will use the time to draft quality ordinances that may not have been developed and adopted in the city without the benefit of the moratorium," the statement claimed.

The moratorium became effective March 18.

"The 365-day moratorium will give us the opportunity to work together to develop new regulations that are more appropriate for our community," commented City Planner Mo Ayoub.

Senior resources director is honored

The Senior Alliance presented Westland Director of Senior Resources Barb Marcum with a 2019 Meritorious Service Award at the 39th Annual Luncheon earlier this month.

Marcum, who has worked for the Westland Senior Resource Department since 1997, runs the Friendship Center, which currently has more than 2500 members.

Senior Alliance officials noted Marcum's forward-thinking as one attribute contributing to the award. Marcum changed the entrance age for the Friendship Center from 60 to 50 and added activities such as Zumba to attract younger baby boomers to the center.

"Westland's Senior Resource Department has two main goals," commented Marcum. "The first is to provide programming to help the community age successfully.

"Our second goal, which is the more important of the two, is to be advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves," continued Marcum. "I believe that seniors are the most vulnerable members of our society. Oftentimes they are isolated and nobody knows the issues they are facing. They need people in their lives who will speak for them and fight for them, and that's what we strive to do every day."

The Senior Alliance serves as the focal point for older adults in the region, by funding and administering a network of services. The alliance also noted Marcum's drive and compassion as she has helped to raise more than $2,000 for the Senior Alliance to provide holiday meals to seniors who are homebound and alone during the holidays.

"Barbara is a fierce advocate for seniors, that passion drives her to lead one of the most successful centers in the state of Michigan," commented Tamera Kiger, CEO of the Senior Alliance.

Barb Marcum

Library

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the future and working with this great staff in the years ahead to take our services to an entirely new level.

"I appreciate the help of everyone who worked to put this historic agreement together," commented Wild. "Our library is an incredible place and it really, truly is the talented individuals that work here that make this library special."

"The staff at the library did an outstanding job conducting themselves as professionals during times of turmoil," commented Council President Jim Godbout.

"The service provided to residents who utilize the library was never negatively affected by anything that was going on behind the scenes and on behalf of all my colleagues on the Westland City Council I want to thank everyone who was involved in these negotiations and those who continue to operate the library in an outstanding fashion."

Dover-Taylor added, "We want to express our deep gratitude to the Westland community and local leaders who showed their support for the library staff in the turbulent months for our campaign to unionize. We would also like to thank the board of trustees and director for all of their truly hard work in restoring respectful and accountable leadership at the library."

Wayne names new police chief

Ryan Strong, a 10-year veteran of the Wayne Police Department, was officially named as police chief March 19.

Strong, 42, was named interim chief in December when former police Chief Alan Maciag left to become police chief in the City of Northville.

Strong joined the Wayne department in 1999. As chief, he will be paid an annual salary of about $90,000 and will oversee a force of 24 sworn officers.

He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Michigan State University just before joining the Wayne police. He has also earned his masters degree in criminal justice and teaches the subject to college students.

During his tenure, he has worked as a patrolman, managed community relations and was first promoted to sergeant supervising young officers on the night shift. He was promoted to lieutenant and managed the patrol shifts and the detective bureau.

His wife, Julie and their daughter, 11 and 5-year-old son were in the audience that crowded Wayne City Council chambers for Strong's official swearing in.

"All the past leaders of this department have helped to build a highly-respected law enforcement organization," Strong said at the ceremony. "I am humbled to follow in their footsteps."

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Plymouth Township begins 'soft' recycling program

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials recently joined other neighboring communities in approving a new no-charge to residents 'soft recyclables' curbside collection program, offering residents a way to keep usable materials from landfills and easily dispose of unwanted clothing and textiles.

Residents will receive two orange bags they can fill with unwanted clothing, textiles and other household items and place at the curb on their regular collection day. Simple Recycling, an Ohio for-profit corporation, will collect the orange bags and leave replacement ones behind.

According to a presentation by Solid Waste Coordinator Sarah Visel and Township Trustee Chuck Curmi at a recent board of trustees meeting, the service is being offered in addition to the current GFL recycling program at no cost to residents or the township. Visel said it's not meant to dissuade donations to charitable organizations, rather provide an additional, convenient option to discard unwanted items instead of them ending up in landfills.

According to industry statistics and EPA estimates, of the 16 million tons of textiles generated in 2015, 10.5 million tons went to landfills, 3 million tons were incinerated, and about 2.5 million tons, or about 15 percent, was recycled.

> *"The recycling is set to start June 20, pending contract approval by the township attorney..."*

The primary focus is on clothing and accessories and will include small usable household discards. Typical items are clothing, coats, jackets, backpacks, jewelry, shoes, purses, hats, toys, blankets, drapes and curtains, pillows, sleeping bags, tools, silverware, dishes, and pots or pans.

All collected materials will be sorted locally and/or regionally based on quality and condition. The top quality materials will be resold to local thrift outlets, mid-grade is exported to international markets and "unusable" items are processed for raw materials.

Simple Recycling will pay the township one cent per pound of the gross receipts. Approximately 28 Michigan communities currently participate in the collection of soft recyclables, including Canton Township, Novi, Farmington, Wayne, Garden City, Milford and others.

Township officials approved the program at the March 12 board of trustees meeting by a 6 to 1 vote with Trustee Gary Heitman abstaining. The recycling is set to start June 20, pending contract approval by the township attorney, with an initial term of 4-years with an automatic renewal.

'Eggstravaganza' events planned at Maybury Farm

Maybury Farm will have some "eggstra" attractions this month as the Parks Partnership Committee presents the Northville Eggstravaganza April 13.

This is the third year for the annual egg hunt for children 2-10 years of age at the farm. Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. and the egg hunts will begin at 11, 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The Eggstravaganza will feature egg hunts in three age groups: 2 to 3-year-olds, 4 to 6-year-olds, and 7 to 10-year-olds. Each group will have their own egg hunt area and children in the two older groups will be tasked with finding a specific number of eggs (one of each color). All children will redeem their eggs for a prize bag filled with candy and treats. For an added challenge, a special golden egg will be hidden in each of the three hunts. In each group, the lucky child who finds the golden egg will be awarded a mystery prize.

In addition to the egg hunt, children can visit the Maybury Farm animals, listen to a story, plant seeds with the Friends of Maybury State Park, play on the playground, and have their face painted. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available and there will be appearances by Smokey the Bear, the Tooth Fairy and other characters.

Concessions will be available from Kona Ice and All City Dog. All activities at Eggstravaganza are included in the admission price with the exception of food and drinks. Maybury Farm will stay open until 1 p.m. following the egg hunts.

Admission to the Northville Eggstravaganza is $5 per car (cash only) and the egg hunts are limited to the first 700 children.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. Limited free parking will be available at Maybury Farm with additional parking at Maybury State Park (Recreation Passport required). Recreation Passports are $11 at the Secretary of State and $16 at the State Park entry. To learn more, visit www.mayburyfarm.org or call (248)374-0200.

The Northville Eggstravaganza is organized by the Parks Partnership Committee (PPC), a group that seeks ways to work together on events for the community.

Zoning

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has the wording 'industry' or 'industries' in the name-it's not a re-zoning where these will be some sort of heavy industry-smoke belching, noisy types of situations developing there."

The parcels, currently zoned TAR, meaning approved for Technology and Research, have the same zoning as the nearby German-based automotive supplier Robert Bosch, the largest industrial employer in the township. Bosch has 1200 employees at the 75-acre site at 15000 N. Haggerty Road, directly north of Schoolcraft, that Lake Pointe residents claim often creates daily traffic havoc on Haggerty, especially when the long CSX trains block the road.

One resident of Lake Pointe said she was not in favor of expanding development in the area because of traffic concerns and the fact that there are few wooded areas left in the township. She questioned the board members about the potential traffic increase with the Schoolcraft Industrial Park and wanted to identify the industrial firm that purportedly is planning the development, one that apparently warrants up-front tax abatement.

"I think everyone's aware we have a traffic problem south of the CSX rail yard, so increased development in that area would cause those living in Lake Pointe a lot of heartburn," she said.

Heise responded that the traffic issues would be addressed "if an applicant comes forward with a site plan and the type of business they intend to put at the site."

"There's been no site plan submitted by anybody," Heise reaffirmed.

Heise said there's been interest in the site "for years," but declined to disclose names.

"Because of the nature of their business and the confidentially we have extended to them-because they're a competitive business," he said.

"An applicant would have to do at least a phase one environmental assessment and obtain a storm water permit from Wayne County, and also a soil erosion permit…the plans that are submitted would have to go the Planning Commission," Heise added.

Trustee Chuck Curmi offered his perspective.

"That property years ago was Burroughs Corporation-that area employed thousands…that area was always designated industrial and heavy industrial-for decades," he said.

Long-time Lake Pointe resident Susan Bondie told board members the area is "not an attractive entrance to the township," the way it stands.

Board members unanimously approved a motion to establish the IDD.

NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS
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To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Charter Township of Plymouth:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 20th day of April, A.D., 2018. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable for the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll collection of such expenses. The township may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current County and School Tax Roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain the methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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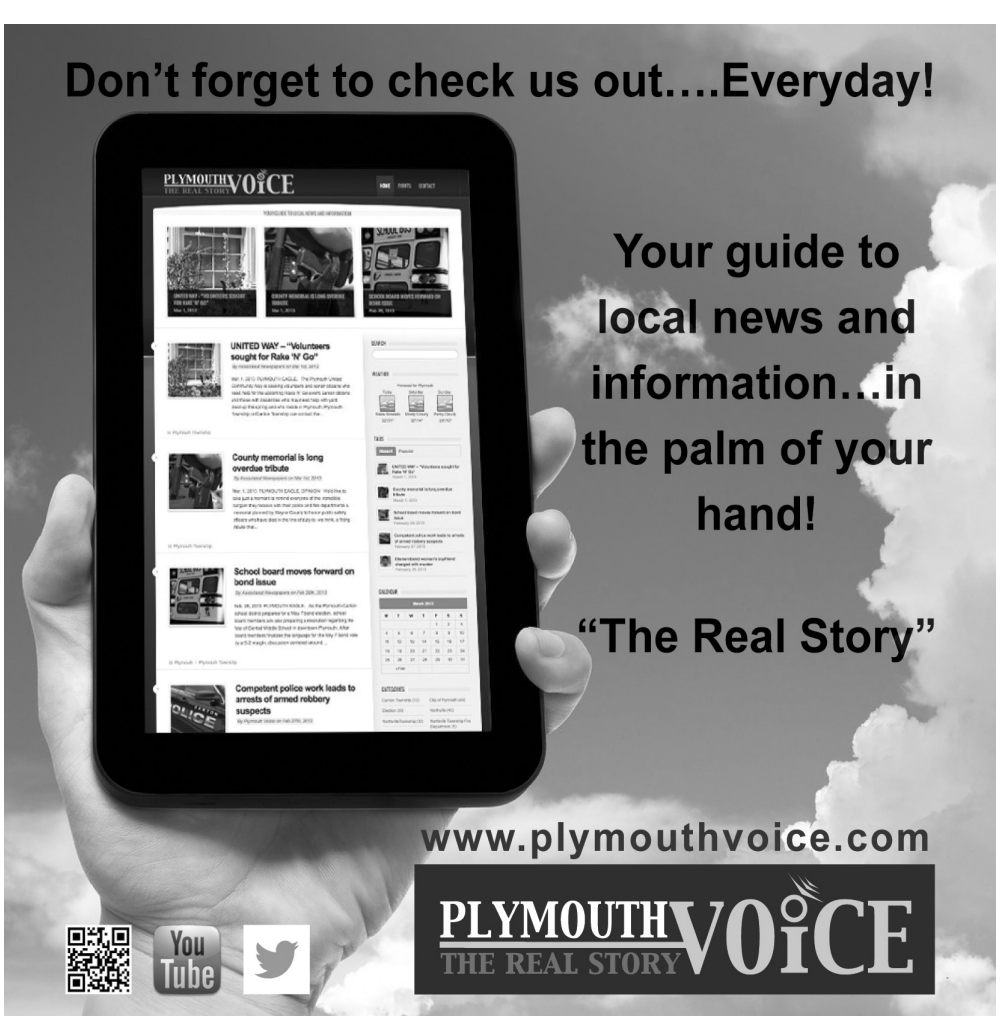
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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2019
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-063 2A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 4, 2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried.**
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
Mayor Pro-Tem Barden congratulated the Romulus High School Girls Basketball team on their championship.
Councilwoman Roscoe read a thank you letter from Dave and Judy Rakotz for the recognition they received from the City on their 50th anniversary of doing business as, Dave's Barber Shop.
19-064 4A. Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of James Leon Newman. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
19-065 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth ,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a two-year fixed price contract for dust control through March 1, 2021 on the City's local streets and parks with the only bidder, Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-066 5B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a two-year fixed price contract for tree cutting and stump removal through March 11, 2021 with G's Trees, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at the pricing reflected in the company's bid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-067 5C. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with legal counsel and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement renewal for the **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-068 5D. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus Historical Society for the use of the Historical Park Pavilion on August 17, 2019 and the Romulus High School Class of 1999 for use of Elmer Johnson Park on June 2, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-069 5E. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and City Council to adopt a resolution to accept the senior center salon from the Friends of the Romulus Senior Center as a gift to the City of Romulus. Senior Services Director, Rose Swidan, spoke about the new salon. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-070 5F. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the appointments of Kevin Higgins and Brian Bush to the Downtown Development Authority with their terms to expire on March 11, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report
Tim Stoepker, from Stronach Group, spoke about the North Point project which is north of Wick Rd., east of Vining Road, south of Smith Road and west of the hotels. There is currently a signed purchase agreement for a $171,000,000 development on that property. In order to begin the project, Council would need to approve the amendment to the zoning ordinance that has been presented to them. Brent Miles, representing the North Point project, said he is open to the idea of entering into a development agreement with the City of Romulus that would include a cash escrow that the City would keep in the even that the project did not come to fruition.
19-071 6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Williams** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve the sale of parcel 80 015 99 0007 000, vacant residential land on Washington, to Brandon and Lydia Dent – in the amount of $2,500. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-072 6A2. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Williams** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve the sale of parcel 80 020 01 0068 300, vacant residential land on Park Place, to Joseph Jackson in the amount of $2,500. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-073 6A3 (a). Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to delay voting on the proposed zoning ordinance amendments for the Vining Road Subarea Overlay District but accept the re-zoning amendments for the Central Business District and the Regional District Center.
Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked that this be brought back to the next Council meeting. Councilwoman Abdo and Councilman Wadsworth asked to have another study session. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – Roscoe. **Motion Carried**.
19-074 6A3 (b). Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session for a future date to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance amendments regarding Vining Road Overlay District. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment
A resident claimed that she has black mold in her residence at 344 Beverly Road.
8. Unfinished Business
Mayor Burcroff said the administration will look into the claim of black mold.
9. New Business
10. Communication
Councilwoman Talley spoke about the St. John's Lodge annual bowling event that was held on March 10, 2019.
19-075 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-05 in the amount of $1,410,960.25.
Discussion: Councilwoman Williams inquired about where the court building construction fund money is drawn from. Mayor Burcroff said details (supporting documents) are available in the warrant basket in the City Council office. Treasurer Stacy Paige concurred with Mayor Burcroff that details regarding the court building construction fund can be found in the warrant basket. The treasurer also informed that the Finance Dept. instructs her when to make a draw from the bond money to pay outstanding bills when they become due; and, she said this will be an on-going process until the court project is completed. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams **Motion Carried**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 11, 2019.

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Belleville - Romulus

Annual Mayors' Ball tickets now available

More than 300 community and industry leaders, including local mayors, supervisors, council members, trustees, school board members, county commissioners, state representative and U.S. Congress representatives are expected to again attend the 6th Annual Mayors' Ball this year.

The event, a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs, is set for May 18 hosted by Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. The ball will take place this year at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr. in Belleville and will begin with a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing and fellowship, along with the live and silent auctions will continue until 11 p.m.

The donation is $100 per person and tickets are available at (734) 320-3834. Formal attire is encouraged.

The annual event has generated thousands of dollars in funding for the organizations which serve youth in both the Belleville and Romulus communities. Funds from the event and auction help provide a safe place for Romulus and Belleville children each year to go after school when there may be no other alternative, organizers of the event said.

Funds are needed, they added, to support programming for life skills, leadership, goal setting, tutoring and recreational activities provided at the local facilities.

"These activities expand the minds and imaginations of these kids, positioning them to succeed in a world that sometimes is stacked against them. We have sponsorship funding levels to fit an organization's budget. Please consider sponsoring this event and making a difference in some very special children's lives," the two mayors said in a letter to local businesses and industries.

Donations for the silent and live auctions at the event are also being sought. Popular items include sporting event tickets, baskets or cash contributions toward live auction items or raffle baskets, organizers said. All donations are tax deductible as the clubs are a 501 c 3 organization.

For more information or to arrange a sponsorship or donation, call Conley at (313) 969-5183.

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said it was a broken promise after a public safety millage was approved last year to bring in another $2.8 million to city coffers. Court employees accused the city of mismanaging court fees that were supposed to have been set aside to fund the construction of the new 34th District Court. Others wanted more time to seek alternatives; the retirees were only notified the week prior to the meeting that the item was on the agenda.

"I truthfully do not understand the rush. Why did we only receive a week's notice that this vote was going to take place," Debra Hoffman, retired finance director and life-long Romulus resident, wanted to know. She pointed out that the retiree benefit fund has a positive balance and won't be in deficit spending this year or next year.

"What I'm saying is that we do not have to rush. We have time to look at alternatives," she added. "Let's try to solve the problem by not adversely affecting the retirees. We have the opportunity to work together to find solutions. We have time."

Cliff West, a city retiree, vowed to fight the change.

"It's wrong for active employees and it's wrong for retirees," he said. "You're creating a revolving door where new employees will not want to stay here. They will come in, get the experience and then move on to somebody else who's going to pay them what they're worth."

The council faced three actions last Monday. One was a request for no action on PA 152, which limits the amount that public employees pay toward employee medical benefit plans. If the council had taken no action, or a motion to reject it failed, PA 152 would be effective for current employees, meaning the city could further limit how much they paid toward their benefits. The motion failed, 4-3, because a super majority was required. Council President John Barden, Councilwoman Tina Talley and councilwoman Kathy Abdo voted for no action. That means the change will be effective in the next city budget year.

Subsequent motions to amend retiree health care as well as pre-65 retiree health care failed.

"We have to fix this problem, but to put it on the backs of the employees and the retirees is not going to be the answer," said Councilman William Wadsworth. "But the problem has to be fixed."

Burcroff said the actions, if taken, would have saved the city more than a million dollars annually. It was an emotional issue, he added, but one that had to be solved.

"We've got over 24,000 residents that are counting on us, as elected officials, who put us in this spot to make sure they're getting the most out of their tax dollars," he said. "We need to not just kick the can down the road. We need to address it."

Teachers' contract vote is expected

Van Buren Public Schools Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun presented a preliminary report regarding the tentative union agreement with district teachers at the meeting of the members of the board of education recently.

More than 300 district teachers are represented by the Van Buren Education Association, who have yet to vote to ratify the agreement which is effective only until Dec. 31, 2019.

He explained that part of the union contract includes the decision to self-insure the school district employees, which he told board members, would reduce costs for both the district and the teachers. He said this savings would help fund the $600 raises in pay provided in the contract. The contract would include the $600 more on each salary schedule beginning with the the Sept. 10 payday.

He said other provisions of the agreement allow all union members to move up one advancement level at the time and if the State Foundation allowance increases by $100 or more per student from the 2018-19 school year, $100 will be added to each level on the salary scale. The same provision is included if the state allowance is increased by $200 or $300 per student.

Employment incentives are allowed for teachers in critical shortage areas, he said.

He added that the insurance program will change, but coverage will remain the same, except additional coverage will increase the chiropractic visits from 20 to 39 and include massage therapy. Those getting health insurance elsewhere will get $2,000 a year ($166.66 per month) in lieu of health insurance, up from $1,500.

Also, a Health Care Oversight Advisory Committee will be formed, tasked with oversight of the insurance funding, costs, stop loss and coverage offerings.

Teachers with class sizes above the maximum will be allowed to apply for overage compensation under the provisions in the new agreement. There are also sections on sick leave, personal days and business days.

Starting in the year 2020, the district will allow 1,112 hours of instructional time per year, according to the proposed contract.

Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak said the tentative agreement was scheduled for a membership vote this week.

Madjun added that the salary raises were necessary to make the district more competitive, in light of the current shortage of teachers.

City to host Easter celebrations

Excitement is building for two annual community events that draw great crowds in Romulus during the Easter season.

The annual Brunch with the Easter Bunny is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins.

Admission is $12 per child and $5 per adult. The annual Easter Egg Hunt follows outside.

Advance registration for the brunch is required by 3 p.m. tomorrow, April 5, at the mayor's office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road.

The Easter Egg Hunt starts at noon sharp on Saturday, April 13, outdoors in the park behind the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins. Admission is free for children ages 11 and younger.

Entrants must bring their own baskets for the hunt. After the hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for $5 each.

Both events are organized by the Romulus Recreation Department and the Romulus Downtown Development Authority. Organizers ask that participants bring canned or other non-perishable food that will help local families through the Helping Hand pantry.

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CANTON - INKSTER

State police seeking Inkster academy recruits

There are 20 young men in Inkster on the "wanted" list of the Michigan State Police.

The state law enforcement agency is searching for 20 recruits from the Inkster community to participate in the Michigan State Police Youth Leadership Academy this year. There is no cost to participate in the academy, which is funded through the Byrne JAG Grant.

The goal, according to a state police spokesman, is to partner 14 and 15-year-old males with mentors from local law enforcement agencies to help them learn leadership and mentor skills, while developing their personal character.

The four-day program, during which the teens will be housed at the training academy, is offering male students a crash course covering various topics including: physical activity, water safety, nutrition, alcohol and drug awareness, gang awareness, domestic violence awareness, first aid, leadership and public speaking. The students will tour Michigan State University, the State Capitol, and participate in team-building and character-building exercises during the free academy.

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Transportation will be provided for the students to and from the Michigan State Police Training Academy leaving Sunday, June 23, and returning Thursday, June 27. Upon returning home to the community, the students will complete a community service project and celebrate at a graduation ceremony luncheon with their family, mentors from the program and local officials.

To qualify, interested male students must live within the 48141 zip code. There is no restriction as to school district being attended if the student lives within the 48141 zip code. Interested applicants should contact Trooper Antonio Palmer at PalmerA@michigan.gov or Trooper Austin DeClercq at DeClercA@michigan.gov. The deadline for accepting applications is May 19. More information can be found at Michigan.gov/MSP under the Grants and Community Service section.

Annual sidewalk repair program is OK'd by trustees

As two Canton Township staffers explained the safety aspects of sidewalk repair, some residents asked about paying for those repairs at the March 26 board of trustees meeting.

Currently, the township pays for some repairs to sidewalks while other sections are determined to be the responsibility of the property owner.

William Semchak, township engineering manager, noted the township sidewalk repair program is in the 20th year. Semchak noted the large number of sidewalks in Canton, and explained that staff members affix a red dot for township responsibilities and a green dot for resident ones on sections needing repair.

Kristin Kolb, township attorney, said the responsibility for repairs came to Canton and other townships following resident injuries on Wayne County rights of way.

The public hearing March 26 was followed by a unanimous board vote to proceed with the repairs.

Affected residents will have either 60 days to do that work with a permit and inspection, or have the township start that work this summer. Semchak said he hopes it will be completed by this summer, and noted residents are billed if the township handles repairs.

Zones targeted in sidewalk repair, with the area south of Palmer Road: Bi-Parkview Estates 1; Bi-Parkview Estates 2; Forest Brook 2; Poplar Ridge, and plus miscellaneous other locations in Canton Township scheduled this year.

Township teens suggest new skate park in Canton

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Three young Canton residents are hoping to "flip" the plans for a park in the community.

During the March 26 Canton meeting, a neighborhood park plan for the north side of Koppernick Road east of I-275 was discussed. Township officials said they aim to put neighborhood parks throughout Canton within a 10-minute walk of residents.

Three young men, Kane Pryor, Rafael Cuevas and Kaleb Roberts, spoke to the board of trustees, advocating a new skate park in the township. They cited other communities such as Westland with municipal skate parks, and the benefits for fighting obesity and mental illness including depression.

The young men noted some of their friends aren't involved in traditional school sports, preferring skate parks.

"Good presentation, thank you," said Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, who then referred the possibility to Canton Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger and his staff to research.

After the meeting, Pryor noted, "The health and wellness aspect of it (skateboarding). All the skateboarders are healthy." He said he doesn't play video games, and noted, "I'm just trying to get that to be not happening."

The three attend Starkweather Academy of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and live in Canton. Pryor doesn't have his driver's license yet, and has needed a parent to drive him to neighboring communities with skate parks.

"I grew up here. I've just never really had a place to skate in my own community," he added. "I've always wanted one in my own city. It's what I want to do."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019 for the following:

2019 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD PROGRAM

Bids may be picked up at the office of Northwest Consultants, Inc. 44978 Ford Road Suite A, Canton MI 48187, or you may contact Gary Schmitt at: 734/454-7566. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – March 26, 2019 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Manager of Legal Services & Contract Administration – Kolb, Director Trumbull, Director Meier, Director Hohenberger, Engineering Manager Serchak, Engineer Hidalgo, Engineer Merkey Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to move from open to closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss pending litigation under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None Closed Session to Discuss Confidential Legal Opinion Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to move from closed to open session at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of the Minutes Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019 and March 19, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments: Melissa Daub, Wayne County Commissioner, District #10; Announced a Town Hall Meeting on roads Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 7-9 p.m. at the Summit Ballroom. Trustee Foster will speak on the Canton Road Program and Wayne County DPS will explain the plans and processes regarding road repair and maintenance. Flyers were made available. Three Starkweather Academy students spoke on the need for a skate park in Canton. Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak read a prepared statement. "The terrorist attacks on New Zealand's Muslim community affects all communities of humanity and faith. Canton Township stands in solidarity with the Muslim community today as we mourn the loss of innocent lives in New Zealand. Canton Township is a welcoming community and we recommit ourselves to the safety of all of our residents no matter their faith, race, gender/gender identity, or sexual orientation. We stand against ALL hate crimes, no matter if they happen in our township, or on the other side of the globe. We ask all residents to reject ignorance and fear and elevate the unifying principles of inclusion, mutual respect, appreciation and understanding." Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to place the last two comments entered into public record. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of the Bills: Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING: Considered holding the Public Hearing for the 2019 'Sidewalk Repair Program'.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to open the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. to hear comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs pursuant to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance, Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989. Motion carried unanimously. Basharat Anwar, 43486 Barclay Way, had questions about the necessity of repairing a crack and spoke against the program's implementation on his property. Ali Atriss, 45599 Hanford Rd, received a letter for sidewalk repair and spoke of concern for the program and policy. He spoke against the program due to a lack of complete application. Steven Dykstra, 45430 Fieldstone Dr. spoke against the program due to the property taxes paid. Sanjay Dedhia, 8381 Westchester Lane commented that he is in favor of the program. George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, did not speak in favor or opposed to the program but asked questions about testing. Chaitanya Kulkarni, 43589 Fredericksburg St., did not speak in favor or against the program, but had questions about his parcel of property. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to close the Public Hearing on the necessity of sidewalk repairs to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance, Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adopt the attached resolution requiring replacement of sidewalks in Bi-Parkview Estates #1, Bi-Parkview Estates #2, Forest Brook #1, Forest Brook #2, Poplar Ridge, and miscellaneous locations as indicated on the attached list and published in the Canton Eagle on March 7, 2019 & March 21, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Reappointments to the Historic District Commission** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to move to approve the Township Supervisor's recommendation for reappointment of Dave Curtis and Ralph Welton to the Canton Historic District Commission for three year terms effective through April 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Item C-2. Consider Appointment to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to move that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the appointment of Nick Brandon to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage to serve as the PCCS Representative for a three-year term through 12/31/2021. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: **Item G-1. Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the Oakwood Healthcare/Filmore Place Rezoning** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to move to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance which rezones the subject parcel (tax parcel # 125-99-0002-709) from LI-R, Light Industrial Research to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to move to table consideration of the amendment for a second reading on April 9, 2019. The proposed amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance which rezones the subject parcel (tax parcel # 125-99-0002-709) from LI-R, Light Industrial Research to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential District. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-2. Consider Preliminary Approval of the Park Creek Planned Development District Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the following resolution of the approval of the Park Creek Planned Development District. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of Annual Maintenance & Technical Support Agreement for Cityworks Asset Management Software** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve payment of the Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support Agreement for Cityworks from Azteca Systems, Inc., 11075 South State St., Suite 24, and Sandy, UT 84070 and approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of $40,000. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-4. Consider Award of a Purchase Order Contract to Core and Main for 7,380 Feet of Type K Copper Tubing, Brass Fittings and Stop Box and Rod Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to award a purchase order contract for the purchase of 7,380 feet of Type K copper tubing and Brass fittings to Core and Main for an amount not to exceed $103,316.30. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-5. Consider Award of a Contract to Hutch Paving for the Major Road, Major Asphalt Projects for the 2019 Road Improvement Program and Authorize a Budget Amendment Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman move to approve a purchase order and contract with Hutch Paving, Inc. for the 2019 Major Road-Major Asphalt Projects construction in the amount of $1,080,800 plus a 10% contingency of $108,080 a total of $1,188,880. Motion carried **u**nanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to move to approve the following budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Expenditures:** Roads, Major – Capital Outlay #204-446-11.970_0050 $1,188,880 **Decrease Expenditures:** Roads, Major – Professional Services, Engineering #204-446-11.801_0040 $1,188,880 Item G-6. Consider Award of a Contract to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC. for the Major Road, Major Concrete Projects for the 2019 Road Improvement Program and Authorize a Budget Amendment. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a purchase order and contract with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC for the 2019 Major Road-Major Concrete Projects construction in the amount of $660,607.47 plus a 10% contingency of $66,060.74 for a total of $726,668.21. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Expenditures:** Roads, Major – Capital Outlay #204-446-11.970_0050 $726,669 **Decrease Expenditures:** Roads, Major – Professional Services, Engineering #204-446-11.801_0040 $726,669 Item G-7. Consider Award of a Contract to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC for the Major Road, Minor Concrete Projects for the 2019 Road Improvement Program and Authorize a Budget Amendment. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Expenditures:** Roads, Major – Capital Outlay #204-446-11.970_0050 $971,345 **Decrease Expenditures:** Roads, Major – Professional Services, Engineering #204-446-11.801_0040 $971,345 Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a purchase order and contract with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC or the 2019 Major Road-Minor Concrete Projects construction in the amount of $883,040.65 plus a 10% contingency of $88,304.06 for a total of $971,344.71. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-8. Consider Authorizing the Purchase of Property for Development of a Northeast Neighborhood Park Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens move to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign any documents necessary to complete the sale of an approximate one quarter acre parcel along Koppernick Road east of I-275 for a cost of $25,000 with the land to be developed into a neighborhood park. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens move to approve the following budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenue:** 246-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation $25,000 **Increase Expense:** 246-750.970_0070 Capital Outlay Land $25,000 Item G-9. Consider Approving a 2019 Blanket Purchase Order on behalf of the Fire Department Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens move to approve a 2019 blanket purchase order in the amount of $40,000, issued to Douglass Safety Systems, LLC, 2566 N. Meridian Rd., Suite #6, Sanford, MI 48657. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-10. Consider Waiving the Bidding Process and Approve the Purchase and Training of Two German Shepherds Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens move to waive the bidding process and approve the purchase and training of two German Shepherds in the total amount of $24,200, from K9 Academy Training. Motion carried unanimously. Item G-11. Consider Waiving the Bidding Process and Purchase Priority Dispatch Software Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens move to waive the bidding process and approve the purchase of ProQA Emergency Medical/Fire Dispatch software in the amount of $115,995 from Priority Dispatch, 110 Regent Street, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Motion carried unanimously. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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Calendar of events

Spotlight Players present 'Dreamcoat'

Spotlight Players will present the Broadway classic, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton,April 5-7.

This popular show, which tells the story of Joseph's "coat of many colors" from the Bible book of Genesis, will be performed on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Curtain time will be 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets to the performance are $15-18 each and can be purchased, and printed at home or held in will call, anytime from www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. The Village Theater Box Office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (734) 394-5300 x3, with a Visa or MasterCard between the hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on weekdays. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to the show.

For additional information about Spotlight Players, visit www.spotlight-playersmi.org.

Free art exhibit open

The Three Cities Art Club 7th Annual Art Exhibition will take place from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6 and from noon until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at the Westland Public Library.

Members of the Club will be exhibiting original fine art including works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, photography and more. Enjoy refreshments during the exhibition and vote for three favorite works of art and enter to win a cash prize.

Artwork and other items will be on sale during the weekend.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway (north of Ford Road, behind Kroger). For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or via e-mail at marilynmeredith@wowway.com. The club website is www.threecitiesartclub.org

Phil-Palooza party planned

The Michigan Philharmonic will end the regular season with a big musical party, Phil-Palooza 2, set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

The event, when nearly 200 musicians will be performing together as the orchestra welcomes the Plymouth Community Band for its second appearance, is open to the public. In addition, the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will perform side-by-side with the Michigan Phil on the opening number.

In addition, home-town musical success, Zach Shemon, returns to perform a saxophone piece from the movie, "Catch Me if You Can" and Detroit composer Rick Robinson joins the party for a premier of his newly scored piece, "Highland Park: City of Trees".

For tickets and information: www.michiganphil.org

Belleville Museum hosts 'jumble'

The Belleville Area Museum will host a Vintage Jumble from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

Described by organizers as "a Polka-dotted spectacular spring swap meet with historic flea market and craft show," the event will feature an appearance by the Willow Run Rosies along with vintage clothing, a bake sale, military items, collectibles, arts and crafts jewelry and other items to intrigue shoppers.

Admittance to the sale is $5 and children are admitted at no cost.

The Belleville Area Museum is located at 495 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information, call the museum at (734) 697-1944 from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday or from noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Annual Fashion Show set

Advance tickets are now on sale for the Belleville Area Women's Club annual Spring Fashion Show which will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Wayne Tree Manor.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the fashion show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are $40 per person and are available by phoning Chairperson DeLaney Provencher, (734) 625 -0919 or from an women's club member.

Wayne Tree Manor is located at 35100 Van Born road in Wayne.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The evening program will include a special presentation by renowned 3D expert George ("Dr. T") Themelis.

Following a refreshment break, there will be a stereo image competition.

The meetings are free and open to the public. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

History of Wayne parks revealed

The history of Wayne parks will be discussed by guest speaker Eric Clereman at the Wayne Historical Museum at 7 p.m. April 11.

The event is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 1 Towne Square at the corner of Main and Biddle in Wayne.

18th century dance set

Some very special guests will be attending the Turning Through Time event at the Mayflower Meeting House.

Both Ben Franklin and Paul Revere will be on hand for the event and the re-enactors have promised to regale crowds with accounts of their revolutionary experiences during 18th Century themed dinner, dance and auction planned to help fund the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.

The event will open with a performance by the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps in the traditional ballroom of the Mayflower Meeting House at 7 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner and cash bar.

Following dinner, guests can dance to 18th Century social dances led by the Golden Griffon Stringtet. Dancing experience is not necessary, organizers said emphatically, as instructors will be on hand.

While 18th Century attire is encouraged, it is not mandatory and the event is open to the public.

Turning Through Time will take place from 7 until 11 p.m. Friday, April 12 at the Mayflower Meeting House, 499 S Main St, Plymouth.

Tickets are priced at $75 and can be purchased at the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps website: http://pfdc.us/pfdcblog/

For tickets or more information, phone organizers Audra Pieknik, (248) 259-3225 or Ed Ungerman, (248) 217-1456.

Library hosts book, rummage sale

The Friends of the Romulus Public Library members have organized a Used Book and Rummage Sale on Thursday, April 11 thru Saturday, April 13 at the library, 11121 Wayne Road, 1/4 mile south of I-94, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Sale items include thousands of fiction and non-fiction books for adults, teenagers, and children, in both hardcover and paperback. Large-print books and audio-books are available. Hundreds of movies and music on DVDs, CDs, and VHS will be offered for sale.

There will also be gently-used household items, and home-baked cookies for sale, too.

All proceeds benefit community library programs sponsored by the Friends of the Romulus Public Library. The Romulus Public Library serves the communities of Romulus and Huron Township. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Museum hosts Ghost Hunt

The Wayne Historical Museum will host a ghost hunt from 8 .m. until midnight Saturday, April 13.

Ghost hunters from the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters will be on hand to oversee the search for spirits in the historic museum building.

Tickets are $20 for a one-hour spot.

For more information, or tickets visit www.facebook.com/waynehistoricalsociety

The museum is located at 1 Town Square at the corner of Main and Biddle in Wayne.

Church hosts Spring Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church will host a Spring Bazaar, craft and vendor show and bake sale from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

Lunch will be available.

The church is located at 555 S. Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Paid vendor applications will be accepted through April 5.

For more information, call (734) 721-5023 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth set

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth from 5-7:30 p.m. April 15 p.m. at The Inn at St. Johns.

Visitors can sample food from 20 local restaurants, visit 75 business exhibitors, win prizes from the exhibitors and be there to honor local community service award winners.

In addition to online sales, tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the event or in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office, 850 West Ann Arbor Trail.

Tickets purchased online can be picked up at the chamber office or at registration during the event.

For additional information on this event, contact The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Salvation Army sets Summer Day Camps

This summer, both the Plymouth and Wayne-Westland Salvation Army corps will again offer their Summer Day Camps.

The Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth, serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville. Summer Day Camp information is available there from Marcarius Coakley at (734) 453-5464, Ext. 632.

The Plymouth camp is for children entering first grade through age 12. Participants can register and pay for only the weeks they choose, with special activities: Cirque Amongus, Plaza Lanes bowling, the Toledo Zoo and more. Registration forms are available in the office at the Main Street building.

For Plymouth, open registration begins May 15 at 5 p.m., and has a $20 registration fee per child plus the first week tuition. Camp meets from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with $75 per week tuition and pre-care and after-care options for an additional fee of $15 per week or $5 per day. This year, camp is June 17 through Aug. 2.

Coakley is program ministries coordinator for the Plymouth corps, which is on the west side of Main Street south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

For Wayne-Westland, 2300 S. Venoy Road in Westland, Summer Day Camp will take place from June 17 through Aug.16, Monday through Friday, Field trips such as the Detroit Zoo and more are featured during the eight weeks.

The Wayne-Westland corps serves Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Romulus and New Boston.

The Wayne-Westland camp is for ages 6-12, costing $65 per week, with registration now under way at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy Road, south of Palmer Road.

Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries at Wayne-Westland, can be reached at (734) 722-3660, Ext. 110. Before- and after-care is $20 and $25 this year, respectively, at Wayne-Westland.

Both Wayne-Westland and Plymouth camps offer counselor-in-training options.

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